

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Congressman Silvestre Reves, Chairman

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AG Mukasey's Announcement of a DOJ Criminal Probe Into the Destruction of CIA Videotapes

Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-Texas), Chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, released the following statement today in response to the announcement that the Department of Justice will conduct a criminal probe into the 2005 destruction of videos depicting interrogations:

"I am pleased to see that the Attorney General is taking this issue seriously," said Chairman Reyes. "At the same time, I also believe that there must be an independent congressional review of this matter. For that reason, the House Intelligence Committee launched an official committee investigation on December 10, 2007, and our plan is to move forward with that investigation."